

Appl. No. 10/824,790
Amdt. Dated 04/06/05
Reply to Advisory Action of 03/31/05

Remarks/Arguments

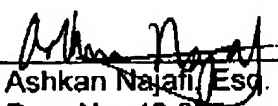
Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the thorough review of the present application. The specification has been amended to include the language "The means for selectively maintaining the mast section at a substantially stable position" so the language is consistent with the means-plus-function language of claims 1 and 8, as helpfully cited by the examiner.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the application should be considered as no longer tenable with respect to the amendments to the specification, and therefore, the application is now in condition for allowance.

Should the examiner consider necessary or desirable to make formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by examiner's Amendment, if the examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. Alternatively, should the examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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